Illicit Sale of Toddy.

Q.—98. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a large number of cocoanut trees are given for tapping in the Taluks of Ramanagaram and Channapatna ;

(*b*) what are the measures given effect, to check the illicit sale of toddy in these villages ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) 6,739 cocoanut trees in Ramanagaram Taluk and 4,973 cocoanut trees in Channapatna Taluk are given for tapping during 1965-66 for the toddy shops of Bangalore Urban and Rural Districts.

(*b*) The Excise Excutive staff consisting of one Excise Inspector, 2 Assistant Inspectors and 9 guards are posted for supervision and to check of the illicit sale of toddy in the villages where tapping is in operation with a view to take action against the offenders if such irregularities are noticed. Besides, there is also Prohibition staff attached to the Police Department who are specially meant to check malpractices, if any in the taluk.

Mineral Wealth in Bangalore District.

Q.—103. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what are the mineral wealth in Bangalore District ;

(*b*) how far they are exploited and what is the income got by such exploitation so far ;

(*c*) who are the agents that are employed to exploit such mineral wealth by the Department of Mines and Geology ?

A.—Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN (Deputy Minister for Mines and Geology).—

(*a*) China clay, Fire clay and Quartz.

(*b*) China clay ... 11,420 Tonnes.
Fire clay ... 202 ,,
Quartz ... 108 ,,

Rs. 9,892/has been realised during 1964 by way of royalty

(*c*) *Vide* Statement appended.